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May 5, 1987

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Division File

FROM:

Jeannine Balsamo

SUBJECT:

0316000033 - Cook County

Chicago/Paxton II

ILD009498186/Subpart F

Groundweater Analysis Results



The following summarizes the organic results from the February 26, 1987 IEPA sampling of the monitor wells at the above referenced site. Only those compounds above 10 UG/L are noted. The shallow wells along the northern boundary of the site, wells G18S, G15S, G17S and G16S, which historically have shown high organic levels with leachate bubbling out of the wells, have been plugged. As my March 5, 1987 memo explains, there is much question as to the adequacy of the plugging of these wells and whether this could result in a potential pathway for contamination into the aguifer. The wells along the southern boundary of the site show some evidence of contamination while the wells along the western boundary show the least amount of contamination. The groundwater flow direction for the site has not yet been determined but it has been potulated that is is erratic across the site. For further information on site geology, well construction, etc., see my March 5, 1987 Division File memo.

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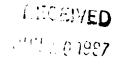
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Well	Compound	Level (UG/L)	
RllD	No levels over 10 UG/L		
G18S	Benzene	60	
G15S	Toluene	300	
G13D	Naphthalene Phenanthrene	3 0 3 0	
G15D	No levels over 10 UG/L		
"Approximate Quantity			
RllS	Aliphatic Hydrocarbons Other Organic Compounds	560 70	
G18S	Tetrahydrofuran Aliphatic Hydrocarbons Aliphatic Alcohols Other Organic Compounds	6600 800 30 6600	
G17S	Tetrahydrofuran Methoxy Methylethoxy Propanol Other Organic Compounds	1900 90 <b>4</b> 100	
G15S	Acetonitrite Acetone Tetrahydrofuran Cyclohexanone Other Organic Compounds	40 140 700 530 5200	
G16S	Tetrahydrofuran Other Organic Compounds	170 330	
G13D	2-Methyl-2-Propanol Aliphatic Hydrocarbons Other Organic Compounds	20 70 60	
G104	Aliphatic Hydrocarbons Other Organic Compounds	50 510	
G124	Other Organic Compounds	750	



<u>Well</u>	Compound	Level (UG/L)
R105	Aliphatic Hydrocarbons Aliphatic Acid Esters Other Organic Compounds	30 15 20
R106	Aliphatic Hydrocarbons Other Organic Compounds	90 20
	Approximate Quantity/Tentative Identificati	on
G18S	Dimethoxy Methane 1,3-Dioxolane 1,3,6-Trioxocane Methoxy Methylethoxy Propanol Methoxymethylethoxy Methylethoxy Propano	100 · 30 120 3200 1 33000
G17S	1,3,9-Trioxocane Methoxymethylethoxy Methylethoxy Propano	50 1 3600
G15S	Methoxy Methylethoxy Propanol Methyl Cyclopentanol Methyl Pentanediol Methoxymethylethoxy Methylethoxy Propano	1400 350 250 1 26000
G16S	Methoxy Methylethoxy Propanol Methoxymethylethoxy Methylethoxy Propano	50 1 2700
G13D	Methoxymethylethoxy Methylethoxy Propano	1 40
G104	Methoxy Methylethoxy Propanol Methoxymethylethoxy Methylethoxy Propano	20 1 90
G124	Propyl Ether Methyl Dioxolane Tetrahydrofuran Dimethoxy Methane 1,3-Dioxolane 1,3,6-Trioxocane Methyl Methylethoxy Propanol Methoxymethylethoxy Methylethoxy Propano	240 20 60 90 20 20 15

"Approximate Quantity" is indicated, according to John Hurley of IEPA, when a compound is not part of the priority pollutant list. "Tentative Identification" is indicated when a compound is not a priority pollutant and when a standard was not run for comparison. The sample result was compared with mass spectrometer data in the library files for identification. The compound, though, was definitely present in the sample.







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ILD069498186 - Subpart F Inspection

An inspection was conducted on February 26, 1987 at the above referenced site to determine their degree of compliance with Part 725, Subpart F Groundwater Monitoring Requirements. Twelve monitor wells were sampled for organics on this day. (Two wells could not be sampled due to low recharge rates). Present at the inspection were Jean Sellars, who has taken over for Dan Smith as Environmental Coordinator for the site, and personnel from Gulf Coast Laboratories.

Paxton submitted their Part A application on November 18, 1980 notifying that they had landfilled hazardous waste prior to November 18, 1980 and for the future destruction and treatment of hazardous waste by a distillation column and incinerator. The company later withdrew their application stating that the incinerator was never built nor was any hazardous waste accepted at the site after November 18, 1980. Withdrawal was denied based on several manifests for loads of hazardous waste from Conoco that were accepted at the site. Paxton has contended that they are not a hazardous waste facility and therefore has not complied with any of the RCRA requirements. IEPA never formally referred the site to USEPA but provided the necessary information concerning the matter. USEPA required the facility to either submit a Part B or a closure/post-closure plan. addition, they filed a complaint and set a fine.) I discussed the site's present situation with Rick Herseman of USEPA. He stated that the site will be dropped as a RCRA facility because there is no hard core evidence that any hazardous waste was accepted after 1980. USEPA believes that the best action is to require the site to conduct a facility investigation including site characterization and monitor well installation, with closure (expected cost \$500,000). Mr. Herseman sent the site a quidance for corrective action and the facility is expected to submit a proposal for the investigation in April, 1987.

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